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E.O. 12065: GDS, 2/21/85 (LUCIUS, H.) NEA/PAB

TAGS: PEPR, PINS, AF, US

SUBJECT: DRA REPLY TO ACTING SECRETARY'S PROTEST

REF:(A)KABUL 1302, (B) STATE 39815

1. FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM DRA VICE PREMIER AND
MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAFIZULLAH AMIN TO SECRETARY
VANCE WAS DELIVERED TO DEPARTMENT BY AFGHAN CHARGE FARAH
FEBRUARY 21. MESSAGE IS DATED FEBRUARY 19.

2. QUOTE: DEAR EXCELLENCY, IN REFERENCE TO THE MESSAGE
DATED 16TH, FEBRUARY 1979 OF MR. WARREN CHRISTOPHER, WHILE
ACTING IN YOUR ABSENCE, AND RECEIVED BY THE MINISTRY OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN
THROUGH THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES IN KABUL, I
WOULD LIKE TO STATE THE FOLLOWING:

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3. WITH REGARD TO THE UNFORTUNATE INCIDENT OF THE

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KIDNAPING OF THE LATE ADOLPH DUBS, AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES IN KABUL BY A NUMBER OF ARMED TERRORISTS WHO TOOK HIM AS HOSTAGE AND WHICH LATER ENDED UP IN HIS DEATH, THE RELEVANT AUTHORITIES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN WERE IN CONSTANT CONTACTS WITH THE OFFICIALS OF THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES IN KABUL AND AS FAR AS

POSSIBLE DID NOT SPARE ANY CO-OPERATION WITH THEM FOR THE UNHARMED RELEASE OF THE LATE ADOLPH DUBS. IT WAS CERTAINLY FOR THIS REASON THAT ONCE THE DEPUTY CHIEF

OF YOUR MISSION IN KABUL CONVEYED THE APPRECIATION OF YOUR EXCELLENCY TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS FOR THE CARE AND SERIOUS EFFORTS OF THE AFGHAN AUTHORITIES DURING THE RESCUE OPERATION OF THE LATE ADOLPH DUBS.

4. SINCE THE DIALOGUE OF THE AFGHAN AUTHORITIES WITH THE TERRORISTS PRODUCED NO RESULTS DUE TO THEIR CONTINUED AND MEANINGLESS STUBORNESS (SIC), AND INSTEAD THEY SET A DEADLINE TO THE EFFECT THAT IF WITHIN TEN MINUTES THE PERSON THEY HAD REQUESTED AND WHOSE WHEREABOUT (SIC) WAS DEFINITELY (SIC) NOT KNOWN TO THE AFGHAN AUTHORITIES, WAS NOT DELIVERED TO THEM THEY WOULD ASSASSINATE THE LATE AMBASSADOR. THE AFGHAN AUTHORITIES DID NOT HAVE ANY OTHER ALTERNATIVE BUT TO ACT BEFORE THE TERRORISTS CARRY THEIR CRIMINAL PLAN (SIC).

5. I WOULD LIKE TO REITERATE THAT THE AFGHAN AUTHORITIES, CONSCIOUS OF THE FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO

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COUNTRIES AND BEING DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE LIFE OF THE LATE AMBASSADOR AND WITH THE HOPE THAT HE COULD BE RESCUED UNHARMED, TOOK ALL THE NECESSARY MEASURES WITH SINCERITY AND GOODWILL. UNFORTUNATELY DESPITE ALL THESE UNFAILING EFFORTS HE FELL VICTIM IN THE HANDS OF TERRORISTS.

6. HAVING STATED THE ABOVE, I SEE NO GROUND FOR YOUR PROTEST OR ANY CONVINCING REASON FOR ITS JUSTIFICATION, THUS MAKING IT UNACCEPTABLE TO US.

7. WHILE I AM VERY SAD BECAUSE OF THIS INCIDENT AND HAVE

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ALREADY CONDEMNED THIS CRIMINAL ACT. (SIC) I ONCE AGAIN EXPRESS MY DEEP CONDOLENCES IN THIS REGARD. I HOPE THIS INCIDENT WHICH WAS THE RESULT OF THE ACT OF A NUMBER OF IRRESPONSIBLE CRIMINALS AND ENEMIES OF THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN AFGHANISTAN AND THE UNITED STATES, WOULD NOT HAVE ANY NEGATIVE EFFECTS ON THE EXISTING RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

8. SIGNED, HAFIZULLAH AMIN, VICE PREMIER AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. UNQUOTE.

9. IN DELIVERING THE NOTE TO ACTING COUNTRY DIRECTOR LUCIUS, FARAH I MADE NO COMMENT REGARDING ITS CONTENTS. CHRISTOPHER

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